

THE TREATMENT OF BRAIN EXHAUSTION.—Dr. J. Leonard Corning, in an article upon brain exhaustion, lays down the following principles of treatment :

1. Cerebral rest. 2. Increased general and cerebral nutrition.
3. Elimination of psychical irritation.

The subject is secluded in a darkened room from ten to fifteen hours at a time, according to the amount of sleep it is desired shall be had during the twenty-four hours. The amount of sleep is *progressively* increased by habit, moderate medication, and hydrotherapy, and no attempt is made to produce a sudden state of stupor by the reckless use of sedatives. When the patient awakes, as is usually the case, two or even three times during the hours set apart for rest, nourishment is administered, but always in a fluid and easily digested form. Where difficulty is experienced in again falling asleep, resort is had in the beginning to limited medication. The few hours of wakefulness are devoted exclusively to some form of amusement—reading, writing, and even the mildest forms of mental concentration being absolutely prohibited.—*N. Y. Medical Journal*, Dec. 29, 1883.

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PARALDEHYDE AS A HYPNOTIC.—Dr. J. C. Wilson gives additional testimony in favor of paraldehyde as a useful hypnotic. He found that a drachm was a good average dose for an adult.—*N. Y. Medical Journal*, Dec. 15, 1883.

Dujardin-Beaumetz gives an account of his experience with paraldehyde, which agrees in the main with that of previous observers. Dr. Yvon contributes an article upon the pharmacology of paraldehyde.—*Bulletin général de thérapeutique*, Jan. 30, 1884.

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THE OSMIC ACID TREATMENT OF NEURALGIA.—Prof. A. Eulenberg, of Berlin, reports twelve cases of neuralgia treated by hypodermic injections of osmic acid. Of these three were cured, four were more or less improved. Eulenberg thinks that the drug has but feeble anti-neuralgic powers.—*Berlin-klinischn. Woch.*, Feb. 18, 1884.  
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Fat and Blood. An Essay on the Treatment of Certain Forms of Neurasthenia and Hysteria. By S. Weir Mitchell, M.D. Third Edition. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1884.

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